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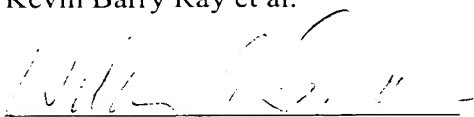
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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,544,267, issued October 1, 1985, assigned to Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. Inventors: Yonosuke Takahashi, Hiromichi Tachikawa, Fumiaki Shinozaki and Tomoaki Ikeda.
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,576,901, issued March 18, 1986, assigned to Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft. Inventors: Paul Stahlhofen and Gerhard Mack.

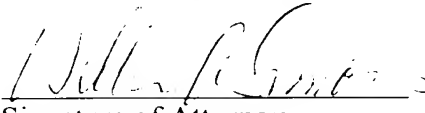
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,705,308, issued January 6, 1998, assigned to Eastman Kodak Company. Inventors: Paul Richard West, Eugene Lynn Sheriff, Jeffrey Allen Gurney, Ralph Scott Schneebeli, Thomas Robert Jordan and Gary Roger Miller.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,705,322, issued January 6, 1998, assigned to Eastman Kodak Company. Inventors: Paul Richard West, Eugene Lynn Sheriff, Jeffrey Allen Gurney, Ralph Scott Schneebeli, Thomas Robert Jordan and Gary Roger Miller.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,858,626, issued January 12, 1999, assigned to Kodak Polychrome Graphics. Inventors: Eugene Lynn Sheriff and Ralph Scott Schneebeli.
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,919,601, issued July 6, 1999, assigned to Kodak Polychrome Graphics, LLC. Inventors: My T. Nguyen, Shashikant Saraiya, Frederic E. Mikell, Ken-ichi Shimazu, Peter Pappas, Robert W. Hallman, Ajay Shah, Hans-Joachim Timpe and Celin Savariar-Hauck.
7. European Patent Application No. 0 864 420 A1, published September 16, 1998, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Marc Van Damme and Joan Vermeersch.
8. European Patent Application No. 0 908 305 A1, published April 14, 1999, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Geert Deroover, Joan Vermeersch, Marc Van Damme and Pietertje Inventief.
9. European Patent Application No. 0 908 307 A2, published April 14, 1999, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Marc Van Damme, Joan Vermeersch and Geert Deroover.
10. European Patent Application No. 0 908 779 A1, published April 14, 1999, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Joan Vermeersch, Marc Van Damme, Guy Hauquier and Eric Verschueren.

11. European Patent Application No. 0 908 784 A1, published April 14, 1999, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Joan Vermeersch, Marc Van Damme and Dirk Kokkelenberg.
12. European Patent Application No. 0 914 941 A1, published May 12, 1999, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Joan Vermeersch, Marc Van Damme, Dr. Andreas Elsässer and Inge Claes.
13. European Patent Application No. 0 919 868 A1, published June 2, 1999, assigned to Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. Inventors: Ippei Nakamura and Kazuto Kunita.
14. European Patent Application No. 0 960 728 A1, published December 1, 1999, assigned to Agfa-Gevaert N.V. Inventors: Joan Vermeersch, Marc Van Damme and Guido Hauquier.
15. PCT Patent Application No. WO 96/20429, published July 4, 1996, assigned to Horsell P.L.C. Inventors: Peter Bennett, Richard David Hoare, Alan Stanley Victor Monk.

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